

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows, substituting any amended claim(s) for the corresponding pending claim(s):

Please amend Claims 1, 13, 16, 24, 27 and 30.

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1. (Amended) A method for handling an unsuccessful synchronous call attempt from  
a calling party to a called party, said method comprising:  
3 monitoring a synchronous call attempt from said calling party to said called party;  
4 determining at least one communication address related to said called party;  
5 dropping said synchronous call attempt to said called party;  
6 receiving a message composed by the calling party; and  
7 sending said message to said determined communication address.

1 2. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining that said  
2 synchronous call attempt to said called party is unsuccessful.

1 3. (Unchanged) The method of claim 2, wherein said determining that said  
2 synchronous call attempt to said called party is unsuccessful comprises detecting an indication from  
3 the calling party that said synchronous call attempt to said called party is unsuccessful.

1           4. (Unchanged)       The method of claim 3, wherein said indication comprises said calling  
2     party pressing a predetermined key or keys on a communication device.

1           5. (Unchanged)       The method of claim 3, wherein said indication comprises said calling  
2     party using a vocal command.

1           6. (Unchanged)       The method of claim 1, wherein said dropping occurs prior to said  
2     determining said at least one communication address.

1           7. (Unchanged)       The method of claim 1, wherein said dropping comprises  
2     disconnecting.

1           8. (Unchanged)       The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one communication  
2     address comprises at least one of a telephone number, pager number, e-mail address, voice  
3     messaging address, mobile phone number, and Internet instant messaging address.

1           9. (Unchanged)       The method of claim 1, wherein said determining at least one  
2     communication address comprises using said called party's telephone number in a query to at least  
3     one database for communication addresses for said called party.

1           10. (Unchanged)    The method of claim 1, wherein said determining at least one  
2   communication address comprises using information about said called party in a query to at least one  
3   database to obtain other information about said called party.

1           11. (Unchanged)    The method of claim 10, wherein said other information about said  
2   called party is used in a query to at least one database to obtain further information about said called  
3   party.

1           12. (Unchanged)    The method of claim 10, wherein said information about said called  
2   party comprises name and communication addresses.

1           13. (Amended)       The method of claim 1, wherein said receiving a message composed  
2   by a calling party comprises:

3           where said at least one communication address related to the called party comprises a  
4   plurality of communication addresses, presenting said calling party with a list of messaging options

5   based on said plurality of communication addresses;

6           allowing the calling party to select a messaging option for use; and

7           commencing a message compose session related to said selected messaging option and pre-  
8   filling a communication address for said message with a communication address related to said  
9   messaging option.

1 14. (Unchanged) The method of claim 13, further comprising determining said called  
2 party's communication addresses that are available for use.

1 15. (Unchanged) The method of claim 14, wherein said determining the called party's  
2 addresses that are available for use comprises comparting the determined called party's addresses  
3 with the message compose capability of a communications device of said calling party.

1 Sub 16. (Amended) A computer readable medium containing computer executable code  
2 B' which adapts a processor for a communication system to:  
3 monitor a synchronous call attempt from said calling party to said called party;  
4 3 determine at least one communication address related to said called party;  
5 drop said synchronous call attempt to said called party;  
6 receive a message composed by a calling party; and  
7 send said message to said determined communication address.

1 17. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium of claim 16, further adapting a  
2 processor for a communication system to determine that said synchronous call attempt to said called  
3 party is unsuccessful.

1           18. (Unchanged)     The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein said determining  
2     that said synchronous call attempt to said called party is unsuccessful comprises detecting an  
3     indication from the calling party that said synchronous call attempt to said called party is  
4     unsuccessful.

1           19. (Unchanged)     The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein said indication  
2     comprises said calling party pressing a predetermined key or keys on a communication device.

1           20. (Unchanged)     The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein said indication  
2     comprises said calling party using a vocal command.

1           21. (Unchanged)     The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said at least one  
2     communication address comprises at least one of a telephone number, pager number, e-mail address,  
3     voice messaging address, mobile phone number, and Internet instant messaging address.

1           22. (Unchanged)     The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said determining  
2     at least one communication address comprises using information about said called party in a query  
3     to at least one database to obtain other information about said called party.

1           23. (Unchanged)     The computer readable medium of claim 22, wherein said other  
2     information about said called party is used in a query to at least one database to obtain further  
3     information about said called party.

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1           24. (Amended)     The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said receive a  
2     message composed by a calling party comprises:

3           where said at least one communication address related to the called party comprises a  
4     plurality of communication addresses, presenting said calling party with a list of messaging options  
5     based on said plurality of communication addresses;

6           allowing the calling party to select a messaging option for use; and  
7           commencing a message compose session related to said selected messaging option and pre-  
8     filling a communication address for said message with a communication address related to said  
9     messaging option.

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1           25. (Unchanged)     The computer readable medium of claim 24, further comprising  
2     determining said called party's communication addresses that are available for use.

1           26. (Unchanged)     The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein said determining  
2     the called party's addresses that are available for use comprises comparing the determined called  
3     party's addresses with the message compose capability of a communications device of said calling  
4     party.

1     Sub 27. (Amended)     A method for handling a synchronous call attempt from a calling party  
2     B1 to a called party, said method comprising:  
3         monitoring a synchronous call attempt from said calling party to said called party;  
4         detecting an indication from said calling party that said calling party wishes to send a  
5     2-5 message;  
6         determining at least one communication address related to said called party;  
7         receiving a message composed by said calling party; and  
8         sending said message to said determined communication address.

1           28. (Unchanged)     The method of claim 27, wherein said detecting comprises detecting  
2     said calling party pressing a predetermined key or keys on a communication device.

1           29. (Unchanged)     The method of claim 27, wherein said detecting comprises detecting  
2     said calling party using a vocal command.

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30. (Amended)

A system for handling an unsuccessful synchronous call attempt from

a calling party to a called party, said system comprising:

monitoring means for monitoring a synchronous call attempt from said calling party directed to said called party;

detection means for determining that said synchronous call attempt from said calling party to said called party is unsuccessful;

addressing means for determining at least one address for said called party;

dropping means for dropping said synchronous call attempt to said called party;

message means for receiving a message composed by said calling party; and

sending means for sending said message to said address determined by said addressing means.

31. (Unchanged) The system of claim 30, wherein said addressing means comprises:

at least one database containing said called party's address information;

database query means for querying said database for said called party's address information;

and

data communication means for providing said called party's address information to said message means.